

AMANA CHURCH SOCIETY NEWS

The Early Service will be in the Middle Church Sunday, February 12, 2023, starting 8:30 A.M. with Br. Peter Hoehnle presiding.

Opening Hymn: "Der Bruderlieb' halt wahre Treu" vs 1-5, No. 166 Seite 156

Testimony: Christian Metz, Buffalo, New York, 8 March 1843

Scripture: Romans 12: 9 – 21

Psalm: 133

Closing Hymn: "Man klaget, das kein Segen ist" vs 1-5 No. 652 Seite 650

The Late Service will start at 10:00 A.M. with the following hymns:

Opening Hymn: "My Soul Seeks Repose In Thee" No. 29

Closing Hymn: "Father, Lead Me Day By Day" No. 257

The Wednesday Evening Prayer (Nachtgebet) meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M. in Middle.

Visitors are welcome to join us in worship at all Amana Church Services. Childcare is available during Sunday's 10:00 A.M. Service.

2023 A.S.I. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors has appointed Kirby Schaefer (319-430-6722, kirbyschaefer@gmail.com), Jon Childers (319-560-6896, jonchilders4444@gmail.com), John Zuber (319-560-0299, johnzuber47@gmail.com), and Liesl Yunek, (319-538-2242, liesl.burgher@gmail.com) to serve on the 2023 Nominating Committee.

The committee is responsible for nominating individuals to be placed on the ballot as director candidates for the 2023 Amana Society, Inc. Board of Directors general election.

Any interested Class "A" stockholder who has owned Class "A" shares for a minimum of 3 years, is at least 25 years of age, and has a business background or business experience, is encouraged to submit their name for consideration prior to February 13th, 2023, either by contacting a committee member directly (contact information is listed above for each committee member) or by sending a summary of relevant experience to:

Nominating Committee, c/o Amana Society, Inc.,
PO Box 189 Amana, IA 52203.

AMANA FIRE DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE

The monthly public meeting of the Amana Fire District will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the Middle Amana fire station.

FEATHERS IN THE WIND

When we were young my sister and I always knew when our mother was going somewhere special because she would A) put on a special dress, B) put on lipstick, and C) get out the purse our father had given her when he was stationed in Florida. We were like Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson because nothing got by us and our ability to know when our mother was leaving us at home defenseless with only our father and grandparents to protect us. It was time to prepare for possible enemy attack!

That purse was the give away. Mom had other purses, but this was here prize possession and she clutched it to herself as if it contained all the gold in Ft. Knox when in reality all it contained was a handkerchief, some lipstick and a wallet with very little money in it. (We sleuths had checked it out just to make sure she did not have the funds to leave for good)

It was a gift Daddy had sent when stationed in Florida. Seeing as our parents did not marry until he was out of the navy we figured that it was a "secret message" he sent her while he was away fighting the war in the swamps of Florida.

Perhaps, we deduced, the message was code for, "will you marry me?" Because why would she so cherish a purse made from an ALLIGATOR? I mean it was brown and scaly. Aren't alligators just one step up from snakes, anyway? UGH!

I being the older and of course the smarter sister, had Kathryn touch this ugly object so we could check it out just in case our mother might have

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AMANA NEWS AND NOTES

CCA Has Plans for Amana Elementary 5th Graders to be Sent to Tiffin – Meeting Feb. 21
Set This is the first of two articles about the plans to change the Amana Elementary School.
Next week we'll hear from Dr. Corey Seymour, CCA Superintendent.

Last week the Clear Creek Amana School District released plans for the 2023-2024 school year that include eliminating the 5th grade classrooms in Amana, Oxford and North Bend Elementary Schools and sending all the 10-11-year-olds by bus to Oak Hill Center in Tiffin.

Furthermore they outline a plan to make Amana Elementary a magnet school for the fine arts and financial literacy/ business.

A public meeting with Dr. Corey Seymour will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Amana Elementary School at 6 p.m. to discuss plans for Amana Elementary to create the magnet school curriculum and plans for improvements at the building.

According to the plans released on the CCA website – go to ccaschools.org and then to the Our District in the tab. Under Facilities look for "Plans for the 2023 – 2024 School Year," to read them in full. The address is <https://www.ccaschools.org/Page/5742>

Amana Elementary will lose its 5th grade as of the fall of 2023. The plan released last week reads, "At the beginning of the year, in the fall of 2023, all 5th graders in the entire district will attend Oak Hill Elementary. This includes 5th graders in Tiffin and from North Bend Elementary, Clear Creek Elementary and Amana Elementary.

Dr. Corey Seymour, in an interview Tuesday, explained that this will enable all 5th graders to access all learning resources, help teachers teach by giving them the support and help they need and it will help kids transition to the 6th grade.

The plan reads that it will "strategically use district resources" and lists these bullet points: More efficient use of the fine arts department, opportunity for 5th grade teachers to work together, eliminate travel time for 5th grade teachers, increase opportunities for grade level collaboration, manage district growth, improve social interaction by providing a transition year for 5th graders before they enter 6th grade.

Closing the "achievement gap" is cited as another reason. It then gives the Iowa State proficiency scores for Amana and Oak Hill's 5th grade and 4th-5th grades combined in language and math. Amana Elementary has lower scores than Oak Hill in the 2022, ISASP proficiency in ELE (language /reading) Amana's scores are ELE 55 percent and in math 50 percent. The scores for Oxford and Tiffin are not listed in the document released by the district last week.

The document states that there is a plan in the works to make the Amana Elementary a magnet school: "In addition to the Amana Elementary K – 4 serving the neighborhood...in the fall of 2025,... we plan to make Amana a 'choice fine arts and business school' that includes students throughout the district and outside districts to help increase enrollment. We are currently working on grants to support the school as well. Planning for this is a work in progress with more information coming at a later date."

The district plans to apply for funding for this through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program (MSAP) a federal program, Dr. Seymour stated in an email to this reporter. That means that parents from other parts of the school district could chose to send their kindergarten through 4th grade children to Amana Elementary. Also hopefully the magnet curriculum for K-4 and the changes planned to the interior of the school to refresh areas of the building will attract open enrollment. The goal is to increase enrollment at the Amana Elementary, Seymour said.

A foreign language K-4 curriculum is being considered as well. "Imagine having a curriculum that includes foreign language learning starting in kindergarten and continuing through 4th grade. That will be a draw," he said.

If the district does not receive grant fund it will go forward with the magnet school plan. The district is working with the University of Iowa Department of Education to develop this more fully.

No schools will be closed, according to the CCA planning document, a point that Dr. Seymour stresses.

In the third paragraph the plan states, "Our district's makeup will look differently, but we will not be closing any schools. As a matter of fact, we are currently working on a ten-year plan that will rejuvenate some communities while making the necessary expansions for others."

On Saturday a group of Amana Colony parents, called by Dawn Phelps Ball and Danita Day Simmons, met to discuss what they had read in the released plan, also what they had heard at the January 18 CCA District Board of Directors meeting and on a YouTube video of the December 21 CCA School Board meeting. They are hoping to reach out to more residents and parents in the coming days.

Both Ball and Simmons expressed their deep concerns for the future of the school wondering "What's next?" and asking why Amana parents have not been involved in the decision to remove the 5th grade and make the Amana Elementary a magnet school.

"It might be great to be a magnet school, but honestly what does that mean, what does that look like for our children? Did anyone ask us what we want and need? Why aren't we being part of this discussion? We aren't even being asked and that's just not right," one parent told to this reporter last week.

Apparently a few parents have been perplexed by what was going on after Dr. Corey Seymour mentioned the future of the Amana Elementary at his December 1 meet and greet at the Amana Performing Arts Center.

"I heard later he said that the school would not be closed and he realized how important the school is to our community. I don't know if he mentioned the 5th grade was moving or not. But had I known he was going to talk about our school's future rather

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CARD SHOWER FOR DOROTHY ACKERMANN



During this cold and snowy month, please help us warm the heart of our Mom, Oma & Great-Oma, Dorothy Ackermann, with a "surprise" CARD SHOWER in honor of her 90th Birthday on February 19.

Greetings may be sent to her at:

4513 220th Trail, Amana, IA 52203

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And her Guardian Angels: Husband Bill, Son Lorence,
And Granddaughters Heather & Micah Weisskopf

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tricked us and put something new into the purse. I stood guard.

Well it always seemed to carry the same stuff in it and my sister and I both agreed that the purse was not only ugly, but it really did not match anything AND who wanted to carry a dead reptile around anyway and be seen in public?

So the years passed and somewhere along the way our mother bought other purses all not meeting our superior fashion sense, but at least none were dead reptile.

Finally came that sad time when I was dismantling my father's house and trying to figure out what to do with all the stuff.

I opened a drawer of the sewing cabinet no less and what should I find, but THAT PURSE!

Okay I'll admit I screamed from fright and then delight. Yes, I checked what was inside - same handkerchief and ancient billfold and some lipstick (bright red, no less).

All the memories came back along with an ache because my mother was not around as was not that special dress.

Yes, I kept the purse and brought it home with me. Frankly I haven't seen it in years and wonder if somehow our eldest son, while on one of his cleaning missions, unwittingly threw it out. I hope not (perhaps he might know its location?) because it sure holds memories of a simpler time when you had only one purse and always carried a cloth handkerchief (often monogrammed).

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**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Notice of Public Hearing February 13, 2023 -
7:00 p.m. ACLUD office - 4304 220th Trail Amana
And via ZOOM link**

1. Call Public Hearing to Order
2. Set Agenda
3. Open Discussion Regarding Agenda Item – Purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive input and answer questions from Amana Colonies residents regarding the proposed ACLUD Budget for FY2023-2024.
4. Adjourn Public Hearing

**AMANA COLONIES LAND USE DISTRICT
Notice of BoT Meeting and Tentative Agenda Feb 13,
2023 - after conclusion of Public Hearing ACLUD of-
fice - 4304 220th Trail Amana And via ZOOM link**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Set Agenda
- III. Review/Approve Jan 9, 2023 BOT Meeting Minutes.
- IV. Welcome visitors and allow citizens to speak on items not on the agenda.
- V. Discussion/Action on the following permit applications in both Non-Historic and Historic Preservation Zoning Districts:
 - a. 2023-001. Wayne Gregg / 710 38th Ave Amana / R-1 / Modify south end of existing house/garage to attach a 40' wide x 60' long shop.
 - b. 2023-002. Jason Miller / lot at northeast corner of the intersection of 44th Ave and V St in Homestead / C-1 / Build a 48' wide x 72' long x 20' tall metal building used to house the Courts Fore Sports business. 3/12 pitch. Four windows 9/6. Grey building / black roof / black doors and windows / black wainscoting all around building. Six overhead doors.
 - c. 2023-004. Evan and Elisha TePoel / 312 220th Trail South Amana / HP-R / Add a new limestone gravel driveway on south side of lot between house and property line. 24' wide driveway leading east to a circular turnaround at the SE corner of the lot. Turnaround to have a circular grass center with an Amana-compliant post-mounted lantern located there. Will also require an Iowa County Engineering review to install a culvert, and an IDOT permit to link driveway to a state highway. It should be noted that TePoel is still shopping for an Amana compliant lantern, and the example that was included with the application will not be the final choice.
 - d. 2023-005. Nathan Kleinmeyer-Millstream Brau Haus / 741 47th Ave Amana / HP-C / Converting a doorway to a window (using an existing window frame). Then converting a window to a doorway (using an existing door and frame). Redo cedar siding as required. Installing a gable hood over the new doorway to match the existing two gable hoods. Install new 72" x 48" landing area concrete steps to match existing two sets of steps. Metal railings on new steps to match existing two sets of steps. The existing wooden patio will be extended eight feet past the current front entrance to enclose the patio to help ensure patron safety.
- VI. Other Business.
 - a. Status of progress of the Short-Term Rental Committee in development of short-term rental ordinances.
- VII. Review/Approve February Disbursements Report.
- VIII. Review/Approve January Treasurer's Report.
- IX. President's Report.
- X. Administrator's Report.
- XI. Adjourn.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET						
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024						
District Name: AMANA SANITARY SEWER						
The Board of Trustees of the above-named District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year						
Meeting Date: 2/21/2023 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Amana Sanitary District Lift Station						
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Clerk.						
Contact Name: Jeremy Clayton Contact Telephone Number: (319) 430-2843						
FUND	FYE 6-30-2022 Actual Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2023 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE 6-30-2024 Proposed Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	Estimated July 1, 2023 Beg. Balance and All Other Receipts	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	63,797	126,393	372,350	37,649	393,263	16,736
2. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. TOTAL	63,797	126,393	372,350	37,649	393,263	16,736

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.54000

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than just this being a general 'meet the new Superintendent' sort of meeting I know more of us would have made the effort to go even though that's a busy week for many of us with Prelude to Christmas," said Simmons in a phone call interview.

She learned in mid-January, just before the January 18 board meeting, that the Amana 5th graders were going to be bused to Tiffin next fall and she was surprised. "This is really a big change for my kid and our family," she said. "I need to hear more."

People are not really sure what to believe because so many things were not shared with us," Simmons said. "It leaves a lot of questions."

At the meeting on Saturday a member of the public told the group that she had reason to think that at least one of the CCA School board members wanted to close the Amana School. When asked about this, Dr. Seymour said that no school board members had ever said to him that he or she or they felt the Amana Elementary School should be closed.

"I can understand that this would make people feel worried. My intention is to support the Amana Elementary and improve it, not to close it. Nobody wants to see that. I understand that a school is the life blood, the heart beat of a community. We want to continue that, to grow that. We want the school to be as strong as it can be," Dr. Seymour said.

Residents writing on the Amana Community Facebook page expressed fear that the Amana community is being left out of the process entirely. "I think the worry for all of Amana really is, what is going to happen in future? Is this just another step toward closing our school here?" one resident who called this reporter said.

Dr. Seymour says the path forward is to strengthen and improve the school and he wants to talk with parents and Amana Colony residents about that on February 21.

As of Monday the CCA District had called for two town hall meetings one in Oxford and one in Amana on March 27, but now the Tuesday, Feb. 21 date was added so that questions could be asked and a conversation take place sooner, rather than later.

Valentines in the Air – Delicious Things to Do

Here's a rundown of colony events and dinners sure to sweep away any winter blues:

Feb. 9 – Hotel Millwright, Indigo Room, sweet and savory buffet. \$30 per person. Call 319-838-5015 for reservations.

Friday, Feb. 10 – Saturday, Feb. 11 – The "Love List" by Norm Foster thought-provoking, funny and very witty play about the ideal romance gone awry featuring three of our favorite stars. At the Amana Performing Arts Center. Tickets \$20. Cash at the door or contact Deborahkennedy@live.com for reservations. Show at 7:30 p.m. so plenty of time to enjoy dinner out! Produced by Tom Milligan and Deb Kennedy

Friday, Feb. 10 – Indigo Room, Hotel Millwright, new menu items and romantically creative desserts.

Friday, Feb. 10 – 11 – Brau Haus – Surf and Turf, \$55 per person. 3 course meal including drink. Call 319-622-7332 for reservations.

Saturday, Feb. 11 – Wine and Dine with a White Cross Wine Pairing supper \$55 four course dinner each course featuring a White Cross wine paired to compliment the dish. Call 319-622-3409 to reserve.

Saturday, Feb. 11 – Ackerman Winery LOVE BIRDS wine glass painting workshop. \$20 for materials and instruction. Go to the Ackerman Facebook page or call for details. At 2 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday, Feb. 11 – 12 - Love Bug Lattes (white chocolate/ raspberry) and hand dipped chocolate strawberry special at the Chocolate Haus. Also pre-order your chocolate strawberries now.

Saturday – Sunday, Feb. 11 – 12 A sweethearts Cheese and Wine Tasting for Two at Fireside in the Village, Amana, 3 wines. 3 cheeses. \$30 per couple.

Sunday, Feb. 12 and Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Indigo Room, Hotel Millwright, deluxe new menu items and romantically creative desserts.

AMANA SOCIETY 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Amana Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Amana Society will be awarding up to three \$1000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending an accredited college, university or trade school in 2023.

Applicants must be either currently employed by the Amana Society, a child or grandchild of a current full-time Amana Society employee, or a child or grandchild of an Amana Society stockholder.

Application forms are available at the Amana Society Main Office front desk or by contacting Bruce Trumpold directly at 319-622-7526/btrumpold@amanas.net. Forms may also be downloaded at www.amanasociety.com.

Thank you.
Amana Society, Inc.

HELP WANTED

Tour Van Driver Needed Part-time , \$10/hr Tuesday availability required, other days preferred. Must have clean driving record. Willing to train the right person. Contact the Amana Colonies CVB at 319-622-7622

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REMINDER WHEN USING THE AMANA COLONIES TRAIL:

The gates on the trail along the Millrace are closed with this wet weather and will likely remain closed with temperatures above freezing. Your help in keeping bikes off that section of the trail when the gates are closed would be greatly appreciated. We would also like to remind everyone that no motorized vehicles should be accessing the trail. Vehicles can cause damage to the bridge planks and the trails surface. Please be respectful and keep all motorized vehicles off all sections of the trail in all weather.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Amana Library will host an ImpactLife Blood Drive on Thursday, February 16 from 1:30pm to 6:30pm. The Drive will be held in the Amana Elementary Cafeteria, 3023 220th Trail, Middle Amana. As a special THANK YOU, all donors will receive a \$10 gift card or t-shirt. Potential donors must be at least 17, weigh more than 110 pounds, and possess a photo ID to donate. Please eat and hydrate before donating. Whole Blood and Double Red Cell will be available to donate. To sign up, please call the Amana Library 319-622-3192 or email amanalibrary@ccaschools.org to schedule a time.

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Did You Know?....

Just a reminder that it is the responsibility of BOTH the homeowner and the contractor to make sure a permit is obtained for applicable renovation work in the Amana Colonies. Homeowners, don't ASSUME the contractor has this covered, and contractors don't ASSUME the same of the homeowner. Always make this a part of the discussion early on when you are working up the initial bid. This avoids anyone from having to pay a "late" penalty. For further information regarding your local government visit our website www.aclud.org or call the office in Amana at 319-622-3840.

ACLUD - Short-Term Rentals

The second meeting of the ACLUDs Ad Hoc Committee for Short-Term Rentals will be on February 15, at 6:30 pm at the Amana Fellowship Hall. A zoom option will be available. The ACLUD is allowed to enact an ordinance with regard to the location and number of short-term rentals allowed in the District. We will be discussing a draft ordinance and next steps. Everyone is invited to attend.